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MERIDIAN STUDENT WINS HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST

BOISE – A fourth-grade student at Eliza Hart Spalding STEM Academy in Meridian has won the 2013 Holiday Card Contest, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna announced today.

In her submission, Rachel Acuna colorfully depicted Santa Claus leaving presents under the Christmas tree.

Her artwork will be featured on the State Department of Education's holiday greeting card this year, which is sent to schools, districts and others across the state. She also will receive a certificate and copies of the greeting card to share with her friends and family members.

"We at the State Department of Education look forward to the Holiday Card Contest each year because it highlights the talents of Idaho's students while also celebrating the importance of arts in education," Superintendent Luna said. "We received many great entries from across the state, but ultimately, Rachel's artwork was selected as the grand prize winner, which we now will share across the state. Congratulations Rachel! You have shown an incredible talent at such a young age. Keep up the great work!"



Superintendent Luna also awarded the following grade-level winners across the state:

- Kindergarten: Scarlett Stone, Pioneer School of the Arts, Joint School District No. 2 (Meridian)
- 1st Grade: Kate McDougall, Whitman Elementary School, Lewiston School District
- 2nd Grade: Jessie Wilson, Fruitland Elementary School, Fruitland School District
- 3rd Grade: Lila Hess, Hagerman Elementary School, Hagerman School District
- 4th Grade (and Grand Prize Winner): Rachel Acuna, Eliza Hart Spalding STEM Academy, Joint School District No. 2 (Meridian)
- 5th Grade: Matthew Mallory, Silver Sage Elementary School, Joint School District No. 2 (Meridian)
- 6th Grade: Reid Uptmar, Prairie Elementary School, Cottonwood Joint School District

Congratulations to all the winners! Each student will receive a certificate of recognition. The winning entries are posted online at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/media_center/.

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